

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 16, 2003

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, at Arkansas State Police Administrative Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairperson Wynona Bryant-Williams at 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Wynona Bryant-Williams, Chairperson  
Commissioner Jerry W. Davis, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Steve Smith, Secretary  
Commissioner Warren Dupwe  
Commissioner Woody Futrell  
Commissioner Charisse Childers

ABSENT:

Commissioner Roger Meek, Jr.

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Lt. Colonel Steve Dozier	Lt. Dale Saffold
Major J. R. Howard	Lt. Ray Coston
Major Wayne Eddy	Lt. Lloyd Franklin
Captain Mike Davidson	Emma French
Captain Kathy Sparks	Bill Sadler
	Brett Graham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Don Barnes, Asst. Attorney General  
Keith French  
Darryl Coker

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on July 8, 2003.

OPENING PRAYER:

Lieutenant Lloyd Franklin opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Woody Futrell moved to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2003 meeting as distributed. Commissioner Steve Smith seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fiscal Report

Fiscal Officer Emma French presented an oral summary of written fiscal report distributed to the Commissioners.

Division Reports:

Major J. R. Howard presented oral summaries of the Highway Patrol Division and the Crimes Against Children Division reports.

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Captain Mike Davidson presented highlights of the written report for the Criminal Investigation Division.

Major Eddy presented an oral summary of the Administrative Services Division report and the upcoming visit of Dr. Buckley who will be training ASP supervisors on the performance evaluation process.

Commissioner Futrell asked Major Eddy when it is likely that promotions to the ranks of lieutenant and sergeant could resume. Major Eddy responded that it will be six months before the performance evaluations will provide adequate documentation to resume promotions.

Captain Kathy Sparks presented a short oral report on the upcoming troop school. She stated that an orientation will be scheduled for troop school candidates and their families. The Commissioners will receive notice of the scheduled orientation and will be invited to attend.

Darryl Coker addressed issues pertaining to the health plan. There was discussion pertaining to declining renewal of the edoc plan. After discussion, Commissioner Dupwe moved that edoc not be renewed. Commissioner Futrell seconded and the motion carried.

The Commission discussed the following health plan changes: The first change is for clarification purposes pertaining to suspended employees being required to pay for health care coverage during any period of suspension, and ASP's right to collect the portion of the premium accruing during suspension.

The second change would disallow payment for claims to a health plan participant who sustained an injury occurring as a result of the participant operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. After discussion, Commissioner Davis moved that the above changes be adopted effective August 1, 2003. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Davis asked the status of hiring an ASP nurse. Lt. Colonel Dozier stated that budget limits necessitated not funding a position for a nurse in the new budget. There was discussion pertaining to funding a nurse position as an expense of the health care plan, however no formal motion was made.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A telephone conference call with the members of the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Don Barnes, and ASP command staff was tentatively scheduled for 3:00 p.m. August 6, 2003 for the purpose of approving trooper applicants for the eligibility list.

Mr. Barnes discussed possible hearing dates for the Commission to participate in the disciplinary appeal hearing of Lynn Breckenridge. The hearing will be scheduled for August 27, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 at the Wyndham Hotel #3 Riverfront Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.